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Dear Anne

So, the difficulties of the Female S. S. Society
have come to a point at last, & the society itself to an end, so
far as the Parker influence can effect it. Charles's notifying
a meeting of the society, on Saturday next was a grand
move. Hold on to the society, & to the names. If they
insist upon a dissolution, & stay away from future meetings,
so be it - that is all well. They have more disorganization - They
will, I presume, hereafter reorganize. I advise you
don't in claiming the floor - it is best to claim enough. But
if I understand the case, you had no title to the floor. I suppose
it was a regular quarterly meeting. If so, your met by virtue
of constitutional provision; & not by virtue of the adjournment
of the previous meeting; & therefore every thing must begin
de novo. Had you met by consequence of your own adjournment
for a day, a week, or a month, then it would be correct
to take up business just as it was left, & you would have
been entitled to the floor. - I am thunderstruck at the
audacious withholding of the Executive Committee in selling the
Emancipator to Leavitt. It is theft, akin to stealing men.
They have filled up the measure of disgrace - let their
names, in all coming time, be a hissing & reproach. But
their conduct proves their fears in relation to the annual
meeting. They mean to be prepared for the worst by securing
all they care within their own grasp. Leavitt should go back to
Inclined,

I shall not go to England. I wish much to go. I do not care to go & return immediately. I wish, when I go, to be absent two years. I have conscientious scruples about leaving my children so long. I cannot think it would be doing right, & therefore must forego the pleasure. I am glad to learn that Jackson has returned. I heard recently that it was quite uncertain if he ever did so. We want more like him - a poor agent is worse than none. Bishop has just gone from here, where he has been for near a week. He is very well intentioned, but can do no good. He complained of not being well - perhaps, when well, he is a different man. He gave me some curious particulars in relation to Chapman. It seems that the Board long since, was dissatisfied with him & directed their chairman to write him a letter & tell him so, & that it was the desire of the Board that he should quit. In this communication he paid not the least regard. Months after, the Board voted his dismissal, & he told them that he should not go, & that it was beyond their power to discharge him as he was appointed by the Society. G. however, went to work & effected a division of the N York society, & had sufficient influence with the western division to get appointed its general agent & corresponding secretary. &c. &c. To do all this he found it necessary to excite suspicion in relation to the motives of the members of the Board, particularly of A Stewart. While G. has not committed himself, as yet, on the political question, he has circulated far & wide as a fact that Stewart & others were opposed to him solely because he would not be made a tool of the party then in office. So that some of

The hostility in western N York against a third party
has been occasioned by the quarrel of C with the Board.
Christian Union is all the go here. A.S. is not thought of.
Strong symptoms exist that Dudley will have to take a walking
ticket by & bye. He is no doubt in hot water. Hawley has been
at Littleton, Westford, & Lowell, & set the ministers a moving
bushy. New societies will be formed in each of those
places, much to the annoyance of the powers that be.
Acton has been visited, & Woodbury stands trembling.
A Mr. Lord, from Western N York, has arrived. He is to
hold the ground that ^{Hawley} ~~owns~~ her from this evening, & to
make aggressive attacks as he may have opportunity.
Lord has as good talents probably as Hawley, & as
far as I can judge, a very pleasant man. Hawley's
church here are all preachers, from the oldest to the
youngest, male & female, & accompanying him to the
neighboring towns when he goes to lecture. They are taught
that it is their appropriate work to convert the world, beginning
at Jerusalem. When ministers get used at war with
each other, all got power & influence over the people
will soon be gone. — James Phony Pres. of the U.S! I think if
Loring or Garrison had been at the Convention, no nomination
would have been made. Some of our folks would not have been there.
The opposition however, is so strong, that the political party will
find they have a mill stone about their necks. — The day
I came home from Boston was cold & damp — wind S. East. I
took a violent cold & have hardly been out since. It has been
one of the worst I ever had. The weather has been shocking bad.
I am better & hope to be out the coming week. If you have
a cold and you not better come up here & we will sneeze together. A.Y.
yours

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